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- <> XINHUA: USSR ENVOY SAYS NO UNILATERAL PULLOUT FROM <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>
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 BEIJING XINHUA IN ENGLISH 0740 GMT 30 DEC 86
 ((TEXT)) ISLAMABAD, DECEMBER 30 (XINHUA) -- THE SOVIET UNION WILL
 <> NOT PULL OUT ITS FORCES FROM <><>AFGHANISTAN<><> UNTIL A GUARANTEE OF NON-
 INTERFERENCE IS SOUGHT, LOCAL PAPERS TODAY QUOTED SOVIET
 AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN ABDUL-RAKHMAN VAZIROV AS SAYING.
 HE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW YESTERDAY THAT THE SOVIET TROOPS'
 WITHDRAWAL HAS THE SECONDARY POSITION IN THE SOLUTION OF THE
 <> <><>AFGHANISTAN<><> ISSUE, ADDING THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS YET TO DECIDE
 <> AS TO WHEN THE TROOPS SHOULD RETURN FROM <><>AFGHANISTAN<><> AND NO
 PRESSURE IN THIS CONNECTION COULD BE EXERTED ON THE SOVIET UNION.
 <> VAZIROV CLAIMED THAT IT WAS THE <><>KABUL<><> RULERS WHO HAD CALLED
 FOR SOVIET HELP IN THE SITUATION CREATED BY FOREIGN INTERFERENCE
 IN THAT COUNTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
 IT WAS WIDELY HELD THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 115,000 SOVIET TROOPS
 <> STILL OCCUPYING <><>AFGHANISTAN<><> SINCE ITS INVASION IN 1979.
 <> THE INDIRECT TALKS ON <><>AFGHANISTAN<><> SPONSORED BY U.N. MEDIATOR
 <> DIEGO CORDOVEZ WERE DEADLOCKED DUE TO <><>KABUL<><>'S REFUSAL TO
 DISCUSS THE TIMETABLE FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS AND ITS
 INSISTENCE ON CHANGING THE INDIRECT FORMAT OF THE TALKS TO A
 DIRECT ONE.
 PAKISTAN REFUSED TO HOLD DIRECT TALKS BECAUSE IT DOES NOT
 <> RECOGNIZE THE <><>KABUL<><> REGIME AND MAINTAINED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON
 THE TIMETABLE OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS, THE KEY ISSUE
 IN A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT, SHOULD ALSO BE HELD THROUGH
 INDIRECT TALKS.
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